Mr. B. M. Peter (*Latin Christians-Mattancheri*): അതി ലേക്ക ബഡ്ഡറിൽ വല്ല സംഖ്യയും കൊള്ളിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): ഫണ്ടിൽ ഇതിനു കൊള്ളിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Mr. B. M. Peter (*Latin Christians-Mattancheri*): ഫണ്ടിൽ വല്ലതും കൊള്ളിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): ഇല്ല.

Mr. B. M. Peter (*Latin Christians-Mattancheri*): ദയവു ചെയ്തു വല്ല സംഖ്യയും കൊള്ളിക്കാൻ മനസ്സാകുമോ?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): സമയം കഴിഞ്ഞുപോയി. ഇനി അതിനു നിവൃത്തിയില്ല.

BURIAL GROUND—KANIMANGALAM VILLAGE—ROAD FOR.

138. Mr. T. V. Subramania Ayyar (*Nemmara*):

(*a*) Is the Government aware of the difficulty of the people of Kanimangalam to get access to the burial ground which is situated near the bed of Kozhikat river and that they have to pass along narrow bunds of paddy fields belonging to private individuals;

(*b*) in view of the above position, will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of constructing a road to the burial ground aforesaid?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, according to the availability of funds.

SCARCITY OF WATER—KALLETUMKARA.

139. Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the scarcity of water at Kalletumkara;

(*b*) have the Government considered how long the people had been agitating for a tank there?

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): (*a*) and (*b*) As there are chiras close to the railway station which can be resorted to by the pilgrims as well as the local public a tank does not seem to be an urgent necessity there. A petition was received for this in 1109 and another communication from the hon'ble member for Chalakkudi in 1935.

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Mr. A. Sivarama Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): This was also the subject of a cut motion, yesterday and then the whole position was explained by me.

BUDGET—NON-SCRUTINY—STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE.

140. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Will the Government be pleased to state why the budget of this year was not allowed to be scrutinised by the Standing Finance Committee?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Because no Standing Finance Committee was constituted before the Budget Session.

141. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty (*Ezhuvas-Trichur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of years which have elapsed since the inauguration of the Legislative Council in the Cochin State;

(*b*) whether there has been any Budget Session which was not preceded by a sitting of the Finance Committee;

(*c*) whether there is not a practice of sending confidential copies of Budgets to the Finance Committee Members?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 13.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

142. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether a Standing Finance Committee as contemplated by the Cochin Legislative Council Rules has been constituted to examine the draft Annual Budget of 1114, M. E;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, when was it constituted; if in the negative, why was it not constituted?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Because the rules referred to in (*a*) came into force only on the 14th July 1938.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Why was not the Committee formed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Under the old Act, the Committee was being formed by means

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